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Mortality during week ended October 23, 1904.

Four deaths were reported during the week as follows: One Jamaican, negro, female, 50 years, dropsy; 1 Jamaican, negro, male, 40 years, cause not known; 1 Colombian, white, male, 44 years, disease of the chest; 1 Panaman, negro, male, 3 months, spasm.

No cases of quarantinable diseases have been reported either in Panama or Colon.

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Reports from Callao—Plague situation—Inspection and fumigation of steamship Chile.

Assistant Surgeon Lloyd reports, October 8 and 11, as follows:

During the two weeks ended October 1, 11 new cases of plague occurred in Lima and 1 in Callao (provisional).

At this writing more than thirty days have elapsed since a case of plague was reported in Salaverry, and twenty-eight days since the last case was reported in Payta. In Eten and Pacasmayo cases are still occurring.

On September 29 the British steamship *Chile* was issued a bill of health, after fumigation and inspection. Because this vessel failed to comply with the United States quarantine regulations on the day of sailing the bill of health was withheld until the following morning in order to secure this compliance.

The plague situation in South America, though apparently somewhat improved, is practically unchanged in so far as the danger of infecting other ports is concerned, and in my opinion restrictive measures should be continued until the general sanitary conditions are improved, whether we have few cases of plague or many.

Summary of plague.

Reports from Salaverry give 32 cases of plague with 19 deaths during the recent outbreak.

In Eten, from August 29 to October 5, there were 41 cases of plague with 21 deaths; population, about 6,000.

In Arica cases continue to occur frequently, and vessels, as a rule, are not calling there at present.

Suggestions relative to the docking and fumigation of vessels—Sanitary conditions in South American cities not satisfactory.

With the approval of the Bureau, bills of health issued to vessels which dock in Callao between the hours of sunset and sunrise will contain the following clause:

Vessels which lie at the dock between the hours of sunset and sunrise are not recommended by this office as absolutely safe risks, whether fumigated here or not.